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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 16, 2003, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire January 16, 2004, reconsideration of the above-identified application is respectfully requested in view of the following amendment and remarks.

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